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DEPARTMENT REPEAT TO EMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV'S HEALTH

REFS: (A) STATE 159587; (B) MOSCOW 9621;
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1. IN THE ABSENCE OF STATE SECRETARY VAN WELL AND POLITICAL DIRECTOR BLECH, WE BRIEFED ACTING POLITICAL DIRECTOR MEYER-LANDRUT ON REFTEL (B). MEYER-LANDRUT SAID AMBASSADOR TOON'S OBSERVATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS CONCERNING BREZHNEV'S HEALTH COINCIDED ALMOST EXACTLY WITH THOSE OF THE GERMANS, BASED ON THE RECENT GENSCHER MEETING WITH BREZHNEV.

2. WE COMMENTED THAT THE ASSESSMENT CIRCULATED IN NATO BY THE FRG DELEGATION, AS SUMMARIZED BY USNATO (REF C), HAD IMPLIED A MORE DRASTIC CHANGE IN BREZHNEV'S CONDITION THAN THAT IN REF (B). MEYER-LANDRUT RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHICH PAPER OR TELEGRAM THE FRG DELEGATION HAD CIRCULATED BUT COMMENTED THAT IT WAS INACCURATE IF IT IMPLIED AGREEMENT WITH ANYTHING LIKE THE PRESS REPORTS FOLLOWING BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO
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PARIS. THE GERMAN IMPRESSION, HE CONTINUED, IS THAT BREZHNEV HAS AGED CONSIDERABLY IN THE LAST TWO YEARS BUT IS STILL VERY MUCH IN CONTROL OF HIS FACULTIES.
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